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Today, morning sunshine, then increasing clouds, high of 40. Mostly cloudy with some light snow late tonight, low of 28. Tomorrow, cloudy with light snow possible, high near 35.

— Bob Tschantz

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Students share tales of spring break disasters

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It's a long shot, but you've probably heard, "How was your break?" at least once within the last three days. Maybe twice.

You can toss off an "OK" or maybe even a "good," but for many students only bitter words through clenched teeth will suffice. They are war-worn survivors of spring break atrocities, 1991.

"Where do I start?" Mike Schwartz (senior-broadcast cable) asked, teeming with spring break disappointment. He and his friend Kevin Matuszewski (senior-broadcast cable) had

scheduled their getaway with Student Travel Services of Ontario, Canada.

"We were told to be at the bus at 12 on Friday, we had to blow off all of our classes. Well, it didn't get there until five."

Their troubles compounded with the arrival of the bus.

"Then the toilet on the bus didn't work, and they blamed it on us. We must have made about 35, 40 stops," Schwartz said. "It was supposed to take us 20 hours to get there, it took 25."

Told that they would be staying at the Days Inn in the heart of downtown Daytona Beach, Schwartz and Matuszewski were a bit dis-

mayed when they and fellow spring breakers heard they had no reservations.

The local representative of Student Travel Services seemed to be less than concerned. "Yeah, he jumped into a car with two blondes and took off," Matuszewski said.

The bus then pulled into a Daytona Beach hotel that was reviewed by Schwartz as "a hole and a half."

"We had the worst room in the whole hotel; there were five of us and two double beds, no kitchen, no refrigerator, nothing to keep our stuff cold. We didn't even have a 'Do Not Disturb' sign for the door, that's how bad it was," Schwartz said.

Schwartz and Matuszewski had no trouble getting rid of their room-temperature beer, however.

"We were walking back to the hotel with five cases, and a big hairy guy jumped out and stole a case from Mike, and said if we wanted to keep the other four we wouldn't do anything," Matuszewski said.

The two contend that their parasitic friend was one of the happy folks celebrating National Biker Week, which coincided with the University's spring break.

"(Biker week) was really neat, for like the first 10 minutes. Then it just got loud," Matuszewski said.

Student Travel Services could not be reached for comment.

Others found it easier to shake off. Bernd Brandstatter, a senior at State College Area High School, drove to Florida with a few University students and Mother Nature was not kind.

"We went to a cheap camp ground, and on the first night there was a tropical storm. We tried to set up the tent, it broke; we tried to duct-tape it together, and there was a swamp in the tent, sand, water, stuff floating around," Brandstatter said.

Other attractions included a speeding ticket. Please see BREAK, Page 11.



Demonstrators hold up posters of Vuk Draskovic, leader of the Serbian renewal movement. The protests in downtown Belgrade moved into their fourth day yesterday.

Draskovic was arrested Saturday after the public unrest began in the Yugoslavian capital.

Serbian leader freed, presses for overthrow

By MARK J. PORUBCANSKY
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BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — Serbia's main opposition leader returned triumphantly from four days of detention yesterday and told protesters to press the republic's Communist government until it collapses.

Vuk Draskovic spoke to about 40,000 people in Belgrade center as demonstrations gripped the hard-line republic for a fourth day.

The country's collective leadership, meanwhile, met in emergency session following the defense minister's appeal to restore order in Serbia.

Draskovic was detained Saturday after protests against Communist censorship led to a military crackdown that left two people dead and more than 125 injured. His release was seen as a concession to the protesters.

But Draskovic, in a 10-minute speech, urged the demonstrators not to let up. The Communist government which is

"responsible for the bloodshed must go," said Draskovic, leader of the Serbian Renewal Movement opposition party. "I curse the man who ordered the use of the military against the Serbian people."

The crowd responded with thunderous cheers, shouting "Red Bandits" and "Slobo-Saddam," linking to Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic and Saddam Hussein.

The challenge to Serbia's government has brought to a head the political and ethnic strife pulling apart this nation of six republics and two provinces. Serbia is the most populous republic.

The 24 million residents of Yugoslavia's various republics are being torn between pro-Western northern Croatia and Slovenia, which advocate more freedom, and Communist authorities seeking to maintain central rule in Belgrade, the federal capital and seat of the powerful Serbian republic.

The center-right governments of Slo-

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Students announce candidacies in borough council primary race

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Three University students announced yesterday they will seek party nominations in the primary elections for State College Borough Council on May 21.

Jim Van Horn (junior-history), a Republican and Nichol Barlett (junior-health policy and administration) and Carla Benini (sophomore-journalism), both Democrats, are campaigning for the nominations. Nominees will run for four-year council terms in November's election.

Barlett is vice president of the Organization for Town Independent Students and a member of the State College Planning Commission. Van Horn is editor of the Lionhearted, a

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journal of local opinion. Benini is a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

Benini said she will represent Greek student interest. She is a member of the Panhellenic Council and helped organize the Iterfraternity/Panhellenic Council Dance Marathon.

"The problem is with getting (stu-

dents) to vote," she said, adding that students should take a more active role in borough government.

Van Horn said he will push for affordable overnight parking, a fair housing ordinance that includes a sexual orientation clause, and more student involvement on borough authorities, boards and commissions if he is elected.

"There is something seriously wrong with 70 percent of the (borough's) population being represented by two students (with policy-making positions)," he said, adding that students could be a powerful force in local government.

Currently Barlett is a member of the planning commission and Abbas Aminmansour (graduate-civil engineering) is vice president of the

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Baker meets with Palestinians, Shamir in Mideast peace tour

By BARRY SCHWEID
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JERUSALEM — Secretary of State James A. Baker III opened new talks with Palestinian Arabs yesterday, overlooking their assertion they represent the Palestine Liberation Organization that the Bush administration has shunned for the past year.

Separately, Baker discussed with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir demands from Arab nations that Shamir prove he is willing to make concessions in their direction.

A senior U.S. official said Shamir took the request under consideration.

Baker is touring the Middle East trying to sell Arabs and Israel on President Bush's Mideast settlement formula: That Israel relinquish occupied land in order to gain the acceptance of its Arab neighbors.

Shamir and Baker met for 75 minutes and, in an unusual flourish of secret diplomacy, excluded even note-takers from most of the one-on-one discussion in Shamir's office.

By contrast, Baker's meeting with the Palestinians was widely publicized by American and Palestinian participants.

While Baker said nothing about his session with the prime minister, he called the meeting with the Palestinians in the home of U.S. Consul General Philip Wilcox a "window of opportunity."

Faisal Hussein, a spokesman for the delegation, said "we told him we are here because Yasser Arafat told us to be here." The group presented Baker with an 11-point memorandum reaffirming that "the PLO is our sole legitimate leadership and interlocutors, embodying the national identity and expressing the will of the Palestinian people everywhere."

The Bush administration a year ago suspended U.S. talks with the PLO, accusing it of new terrorist attacks against Israel.



Secretary of State James A. Baker III, left, shakes hands with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir during a meeting in Jerusalem. A spokesman for Shamir said the pair agreed yesterday on a two-track approach to a Middle East peace settlement.

Baker said at a news conference Monday night that the dialogue had been "terminated," but Hussein said Baker explained he had misspoken and meant to say "suspended."

According to a senior U.S. official, who described the meeting on condition of anonymity, the Palestinians complained to Baker about such Israeli actions as curfews and deportations.

The official said the Palestinians wanted to continue the talks in the future and the United States would comply. He brushed aside as "a ritualistic presentation" the Palestinians' statement of ties to the PLO and said Baker was not surprised by them.

One of the Palestinians, Hanan Ashrawi, said Baker had tried to persuade them to make moves without the PLO.

Baker's talks with Shamir, which resumed over dinner last night, were designed to prod Israel into negotiations both with Palestinians and with Arab nations.

Avi Pazner, the prime minister's media adviser, said the two met in "a very friendly, warm and cooperative atmosphere" and that Israel would try to keep the peace process going.

The U.S. official, meanwhile, gave credit to Shamir and the eight Arab foreign ministers Baker met with Sunday in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

"What we've seen in both places is a mutual recognition that this is a time to move," the official said.

Between meetings, Baker flew over the occupied West Bank in a helicopter, visited a school for new immigrants in northern Israel and placed garlands of green leaves and a symbolic stone on the graves of four Jewish women who were stabbed to death on Sunday near a Jerusalem bus stop.

Baker made a speech at the Carmiel language center in which he said the nations of the Middle East "are very anxious to close the book of war."

Decrease in on-campus interviews reflects weak national job market

By JOHN LINCOSKI
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More students are fighting for on-campus interviews this year than last, but fewer on-campus recruiters are offering interviews, and seniors worry that the drop in opportunities here reflects a weak job market nationally.

"On-campus recruiting is a direct reflection of the national economy," said Ralph DeShong, an associate director in charge of University recruiting services at Career Development and Planning Services.

"Companies recruit when they are in a period of growth and many have stopped recruiting in order to help weather out the recession," DeShong said.

DeShong said 531 companies recruited on campus in fall 1990, a drop of 61, or about 10 percent, from the 592 that recruited on campus in fall of 1989.

Jeff Garis, an associate director of career development and planning services, said students requested 40,938 interviews

last fall, an increase of 1,763 over Fall Semester 1989. But last fall recruiters held 13,742 interviews, down 8.6 percent from the 15,035 they held during Fall Semester 1989.

Among those not recruiting on campus this year are several Fortune 500 companies. DeShong said he could not speculate which companies had stopped recruiting due to the recession or release the names of those no longer interviewing here.

"There are other elements involved than just the recession," he said.

DeShong said some Fortune 500 companies stopped recruiting because they were the subject of hostile takeover attempts, among other reasons.

"It's a very competitive year to get an interview," he said. "Most seniors feel aware that the job market is more competitive this year and they are taking more active steps in their job searches."

"The best piece of advice that I have for seniors is not to

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